Pipe Bomb Defused

NEW YORK—Police defused a pipe bomb minutes before it was set to go off in the main lobby of Yeshiva University.

Police said the university's security police had discovered the device Sunday night but failed to notify city police until about 7:45 a.m. yesterday. A bomb squad member defused the bomb at about 8:15 a.m. when the device had "less than three minutes" on the timer, police said.

Police said the device had first been discovered by a university security guard, who "thought it had been left by the plumbers."

Commenting on the time lapse in reporting the device to city police, Robert Marmorstein, director of security at the university, said he planned a "reassessment of security"